

St. Genevieve Fair Play.



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Republican Convention.

The next Republican convention for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States will be held in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 11th day of June, 1876, at twelve o'clock noon, and will consist of delegates from each State equal to twice the number of its senators and representatives in congress and of two delegates from each organized territory and the District of Columbia.

Hatcher's Bill.

The following bill, for the relief of tobacco-growers, was introduced in the House of Representatives on the 6th inst., by Hon. R. A. Hatcher:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the growers and producers of tobacco, from and after the passage of this act, may have the right to sell the same in lead to any person, and any person may have the right to purchase the same, free from any tax, fine, or other restriction whatever."

The bill was read twice and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Something about Babcock.

If Babcock is *not* guilty of "crookedwhiskyness," he is far from being an honest man. He is one of the men who were proven guilty, some time ago, of defrauding the government out of a million and a quarter of dollars by false measurements of work done upon the streets and public square of the District of Columbia. Babcock, being a skilled engineer, and having been educated at West Point, it is impossible to believe the false measurements were anything but a deliberate fraud and an act of robbery. After Babcock was proven guilty of this act, he was kept in the White House as the confidential friend and secretary of Mr. Grant.

Republican Organs and Truth.

It seems to make our Republican brethren of the quill howl to see the Democrats reducing the expenses of our government. The Democratic House recently reduced the number of its officers from one hundred and fifty seven to eighty-six. It "sorter raised the dander" of the Republican press to see this done, and they now say the "Democrats are kicking honest Union soldiers out of employment." Now, let us see how truthful these men are. The official figures, furnished the St. Louis Republican, show that there were on the doorkeeper's roll of officers of the last House one hundred and fifty seven men, only twenty-one of whom were Union soldiers. The Democratic House reduced the roll of officers to eighty-six, twenty-five of whom are Union soldiers. According to this the Democrats are more *loyal* than the Republicans were.

Will some of our Republican brethren show us where the "honest Union soldiers have been kicked out?" If we can "see straight," a few of them have been "kicked in."

A convention of the Republicans of Kentucky has been called to meet in Louisville, on the 13th of May, for the purpose of choosing delegates to represent that State at the Cincinnati convention in June next.

The Attorney General, State Auditor and State Treasurer were in St. Louis this week.

President Grant's Position.

Mr. Grant occupying, as he does, the highest position under the constitution and laws of this great republic, is naturally expected to see that the laws of the United States are duly enforced; for as the Executive, this is his sworn duty. He is not the law maker but enforces the law as he finds it and punishes to enforce it. His position forbids the idea of favoritism. If a man is a citizen of the Republic, he is entitled to protection under the law and always implicit obedience to the law. Recent developments have shown the American people, that the President has favorites, whom he has selected to fill positions of trust and profit, who were not at the times of their selections and appointments above suspicion. Indeed some of them were objected to, before they were duly installed, and yet Mr. Grant pushed them ahead, and when they proved themselves thieves by their official acts, he tried to screen them from the penalties of the law in this he surely stands before the country as a *pitiful crook*. If we may judge from the sudden development of his wealth, we are certainly justified in saying he was a receiver of a part of the spoils. Can it be possible that his private secretary could be doing all the meanness, of which he stands today virtually convicted before his countrymen of all parties, and the President remain in ignorance? One must believe the President an idiot, to harbor a thought for one moment of any such thing. Had Mr. Grant permitted Senator Henderson to go on in the prosecutions of the members of the whisky ring, Republicans at least would have had some grounds to believe him honest. But when he had Mr. Henderson peremptorily dismissed from service, the conviction flashed upon the minds of all the people, that Mr. Grant feared that he might himself be the next person placed upon trial, under an indictment for conspiracy to defraud the government. If not upon actual trial to-day, he has already been tried by his peers, the American people, and pronounced guilty. His denial would amount to nothing, for in a question of veracity with President Andrew Johnson, Mr. Grant proved himself a consummate liar. This may seem a harsh expression against our President, yet the facts bear out the assertion.

"False is one, false is all," holds so far good, that when crime overtakes a man, even if he be highest in authority, people cling to the maxim. In no enviable position then stands the President now stand. We do not wonder at his warlike attack upon churches in his recent message for in his position as a co-conspirator to defraud the government he surely needs to pull down everything that savors of gold to divert the eyes of the people from his enemies. Indeed, his position before the great nation, of which he stands as nominal head, is that of a conspirator. We might add, he stands impeached by all honest men of both the great parties of our country.

Editorial Squibs.

Nearly every paper in Southeast Missouri is in favor of holding an editorial convention at Charleston. If we can spare the time we will attend.

Our Congressman, Hon. R. A. Hatcher, will be married some time during this month, at Washington.

Twelve men of the Chicago whisky ring appeared before Judge Boutwell in the United States district court, on the 16th inst., and entered plea of guilty.

The Chester Courier and Tribune are about to engage in a first-class war.

What's the matter with the Paterson Times? We do not receive more than one copy of it a month.

On the 13th inst., the defaulting State treasurer of Kansas was arrested, at Chicago.

The residents of Philadelphia are known as the *soybean*. The officers making preparations for the reception of visitors to the Centennial exhibition, without having notes and bonds during each man's name. Strange to say, this was without leaving records or verbal or written contracts.

Another daughter of Queen Victoria is to be married soon. She is the Harriet Queen was sold. She and her wife lost. Consequently with steamship Admetus.

The pectoral has been paid for \$12,000 a year. It contains one thousand emeralds.

J. H. Hayes, cashier of the Marion bank of Tennessee, and Miss Maria Davis, daughter of Jefferson Davis, were married on the 7th inst.

American greenbacks are at par. —

St. Genevieve County.

The following interesting description of our county we have taken from Wilson's Directory of Southern Missouri and Northern Illinois:

St. Genevieve county is bounded on the north by Old River county,

and the Mississippi river, on the

south by Perry county, on the

west and southwest by St. Francois

county. It contains 707,741

acres. Population in 1870, 2,841

taxable wealth, \$5,659,727. The

early settlement of this county, and

the trials, tribulations, and military

achievements of the French settlers

in this portion of Missouri, constitute

one of the most interesting chapters

in our national history. So far back

as 1720, a settlement was made at

Fort Chouteau by an enterprising

French planter and soldier named

Hennard.

St. Genevieve was settled as early

as 1735. Paul Lemire, Jacques

Bouyer, Joseph Marais, Francois

Leclerc, Julien Chapet, Jean Burt

and Joseph Laclede were among

its first settlers, prior to 1750. Immediately after the great overflow of

the Mississippi, in 1780, a great number

of the inhabitants of Franklin, Illinois, removed to St. Genevieve.

The settlers were a of Frenchmen

and brought with them the industrial habits, politeness of manners, and simplicity of life that characterized French colonists. A further and larger addition was made to the population by the influx of a

great number of French families in 1785. These men and their descendants became the manufacturers in Missouri and neighboring states, leading the cities of St. Louis, St. Charles, St. Peters, and St. Louis, and the great towns of Franklin, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri. They made

the large flouring mills, the grist

mills, a state of barrel factory, and

saw mill. The following trades are

represented. French masons, blacksmiths, gunsmiths, tailors, carpenters, &c. There is no

other industry. Commerce extended

extensively in this town. It is in the

way of educational facilities, but

remains to be desired. It is trying to

attract the popular taste by a large

number of social organizations, &c. It has

a railroad station in a state of constant

use, where the Rock Island line

is located, dep't for their stations

manufacturers. St. Mary has a

large and growing trade, of grain

stock and grain, vegetables are at

present in excess of demand. St.

Mary is remarkable for its abundance

of springs and purity of water. It

was first built out by Miles A. Clegg, and great investments

in manufacturing and industrial enter-

prises.

Quarrytown, about four miles

south of St. Genevieve, is noted for

its fine sandstone, and for its granite

quarries.

Stock-Feeding.

There is much stock raised in Missouri at present than ever before at one time. The hogs are sent to market and sold as fast as they can be got in less than six months, the high

prices being too great a temptation

for farmers to resist. Some counties, where the climate did not favor

the hogs, have found compensation

in winter enormously produced

meat, and it may be said that as a

general thing Missouri farmers are

much better off than they had ex-

pected, for they would be three

months earlier to market. They are sending

very little corn to market, because

they are not satisfied with the prices

they are receiving—20 and 25 cents

a bushel—though some experiments

in shipping down into Texas and up

the Rio Grande are being made. The

bulk of the great corn crop that is

1000 acres of land, not the better suited to stock will be market-

over, the farmers having a notion that two good crops rarely come in succession, and that of next fall will be short as the one of last fall was large. All through the central counties farmers are turning their attention more and more to breeding and feeding—a much better system of farming than that of selling the new grain off the farm to be consumed elsewhere; and at this time there are in these counties large herds of cattle, some being fattened for market, and others wintered for summer grazing.—Republican.

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